

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES
VOCATIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS COOP - SECONDARY

I. INITIAL TWO (2)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

A Vocational I (V1) teaching certificate, valid for a period of two (2) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued to applicants meeting the following criteria:

- A.** The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant;
- B.** Individuals seeking certification must possess a minimum of two (2) years (four thousand (4,000) hours) of directly-related occupational experience (in the technical area for which the candidate will teach) within the most recent five (5) years;
- C.** Individuals must possess a current V1 or V2 Vocational Teaching Certificate in Health Sciences Education;
- D.** Individuals must have successfully completed an approved, higher education-based course in cooperative education methodology; and
- E.** Teachers who will be teaching in this professionally-licensed occupation must be currently licensed and maintain licensure in Nursing.

II. RENEWAL FOR A TWO (2)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

The Health Sciences Coop initial V1 certificate may be renewed (along with the Health Sciences Certificate) two (2) times (for a total of six (6) years of V1 Certification). Renewal is contingent on maintaining the Health Sciences Certificate, and all renewal requirements for the Health Sciences Coop V1 certificate are contingent on the renewal requirements of the Health Sciences V1 Certificate.

The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant.

III. INITIAL FIVE (5)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

A Health Sciences Coop vocational (V2) certificate, valid for a period of five (5) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued to applicants completing the V1 Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP) requirements for the Health Sciences V1 Certificate.

The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant.

IV. RENEWAL FOR A FIVE (5)-YEAR CERTIFICATE:

A Health Sciences Coop vocational (V2) certificate may be renewed (along with the Health Sciences Certificate) for five (5) years. The certificate will be valid for five (5) years from the effective date on the certificate. Renewal is contingent on maintaining the Health Sciences V2 Certificate, and all renewal requirements for the Health Sciences Coop V2 certificate are contingent on the renewal requirements of the Health Sciences V2 Certificate.

The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant.